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SUBJECT: INDIAN POLITICAL COMMENTS ON THE US

REFS: A. NEW DELHI 7163

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1. SINCE WE SENT REF B, MRS. GANDHI "EXPLAINED" ABOUT THE "THREAT FROM THE SEA" IN HER INTERVIEW WITH BLITZ (NEW DELHI 7135) AND IMPLICITLY BACKED AWAY FROM IDENTIFYING THE "THREAT" WITH THE US IN A WAY THAT IMPLIED THE THREAT CAME FROM PAKISTAN. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, MRS. GANDHI, INDIAN OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN SILENT ABOUT THE US OR AT LEAST THEY ARE NOT BEING QUOTED IN THE PRESS. THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN GUJARAT WHICH ENDS JUNE 7 HAS CONTINUED TO BE GENERALLY BARE OF REFERENCES TO THE US BY POLITICIANS ON ALL SIDES. THE EXCEPTION WAS A REMARK BY MRS. GANDHI IN GUJARAT THAT SHE HAD SUSPECTED A FOREIGN HAND IN THE OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE IN CHILE AND HAD BEEN PROVEN RIGHT; THIS WAS CITED AS EVIDENCE OF HER CORRECT ASSESSMENTS OF FOREIGN SITUATIONS.

2. THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAVE SENT MESSAGES OF GREETINGS ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE PRG WHICH ARE PRO FORMA IN CONTENT AND INCLUDE NONE OF THE COMMENT CRITICAL OF THE US WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE EARLIER INDIAN REACTION TO EVENTS IN VIETNAM.

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